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### Our Policy as to China.

The developments in the attitude of Italy toward China assume a serious phase, and portend an additional complication in the line of the threatened dissolution of the celestial empire, which will attract the attention of the whole world. The announcement that an Italian fleet of six cruisers will proceed to San Mun Bay and take that vantage point by force, and demand apologies from the Chinese government for refusing to lease it, aggravates the situation and increases the importance of the crisis.

In this connection, all fears growing out of speculations from certain quarters that the United States may become involved in the complication are dispelled by the statement from Washington that the government has received a communication from the Italian government, asking the attitude of this country on the matter of the proposed seizure, and making a request for our support, which request was refused in a note from Secretary of State Hay. Mr. Hay also, in unequivocal terms, deprecated the attitude of Italy, without entering a protest. In brief, Italy was reminded that this government had not interfered with other governments in the matter of obtaining concessions in China, and would not do so in the case of Italy or any other nation.

This news is gratifying to the American people. It distinctly lays down, in the case of the first instance in which the United States has been consulted in the Chinese matter, the policy of non-interference in European affairs. It is decisive and establishes at the first opportunity a precedent which will be followed out by the administration.

### Wanted, a Democratic Leader.

The resignation of Mr. Bailey, of Texas, from the leadership of his party in Congress, tendered in disgust because he could not use his position to his satisfaction, does not seem to have created a very large amount of excitement in the country, judging from the comments that are being indulged in. His announcement, therefore, that he will not be a candidate for the leadership in the Fifty-sixth Congress, is not a matter of special importance. It does not matter much, perhaps, who his successor will be, as he is likely to have the same trouble as Mr. Bailey has experienced.

It is true that the choice might fall upon some one who is not so much of a disorganizer—not so arbitrary—as Bailey, but the situation in the Democratic party is such that it is impossible to lead it as a unity. The difficulty that any would-be leader will find, if successful in attaining that nominal position, is that the party itself is divided upon questions of national policy such as are now and will be before the country in the immediate future, and perhaps throughout the life of the new Congress. As has been the case in the recent past, most of the leaders of the Democracy—that is, of the dominant faction of the party—seem to be on the side of these questions which is not at all likely to be sustained by the country. The party whose policy for the past generation has been one of opposition, right or wrong, and by such a course has constantly had to struggle with divisions in its own ranks, has again to face a similar situation.

Thoughtful leaders of the Democracy are realizing that this policy, under the present circumstances, is ruinous. They can observe with their forethought that the recently formulated opposition, as a matter of party policy, to the results of the war, which are inevitable, will be as disorganizing in its effect as a similar action would have been before and at the beginning of the war. To resolve to make alleged but misnamed "imperialism" a national issue, and to oppose a standing army, a necessity always for any country, even in time of peace, is to place themselves in danger of attacking a thing which does not exist, creating a division in their own ranks, and opposing the sentiment of a majority of the people.

This element among the leadership, desiring to save the party from the danger of the conference agreement recently held, are seeking some other issue. The tariff question, as a partisan issue, no longer exists as a distinctive factor, in view of the great prosperity of the country, the tremendous balance on the side of the United States in the "markets of the world," a once favorite campaign cry for free traders, and the general employment of wage workers. On the other hand, for much the same reasons, and the total failure of Bryan

prophecies, the condition of the national credit, increasing wages, etc., the "paramount" 16 to 1 issue of 1896 is no longer a power. With these conditions and the state of public opinion, and the hopelessness of the new issues which are bound to fail, the thoughtful ones are not in a confident frame of mind. Where, then, is the leader who will care to assume the uncertain responsibilities of leading the party, with pleasure to himself or promise of success to the useless organization.

Mr. Bailey, it is half suspected, saw a little into the future when he intimated his retirement from the leadership in Congress. He shares, possibly, the feelings of the representatives referred to. Who cares to be the leader of a party that doesn't see a real substantial sign of hope in the future?

### The Logic of an Organ.

The logic of the Register's comments on the statement of Treasurer Kendall regarding the appropriations by the legislature, and its attempt to make a party question of a matter which has no connection with politics, is neatly summed up by the Parkersburg State Journal, which thinks that the tax-payers owe our neighbor a debt of gratitude, because it has "completely solved a great mystery." Constructively, the point, according to the Register, is that the appropriations are due to the election of Senator Scott. "This," says the Journal, "is genuine news. If McGraw had been elected the day Mr. Scott beat him, of course the appropriations would have been smaller. This solution carries with it the inference that had the result been otherwise the Democrats would have saved the treasury. In other words they had the power to cut down the appropriations. Why didn't they use the power in the house?"

The natural inference from the Register's solution is that the Democrats did all they could to loot the treasury to vent their anger at the Republican party.

This sort of logic by the Democratic party isn't likely to prove satisfactory to the leaders, at least the honest ones. It is reactive in its tendency and they will not endorse it. It isn't dealing with the question frankly, because it evades a situation which concerns the public regardless of party politics. It simply calls further attention of the Register's readers and the general public, to the fact that our contemporary does not publish the treasurer's statement, in which he divides the responsibility and makes no party point, but that it simply indulges in comments on garbled extracts from it.

### Nebraska's New Senator.

The deadlock over the senatorship in Nebraska was happily ended by the Republican caucus nomination of Hon. Monroe L. Haywood for the place. Mr. Haywood will succeed in the senate the Populist and free silver leader, Senator Allen, and the state of Nebraska will once more have two good Republicans in the senate, the other being Senator Thurston, whose term does not expire until 1901. The new senator is one of the ablest and most popular citizens of Mr. Bryan's state, and his standing among the people was clearly demonstrated last fall when he cut down the majority of the fusion ticket—the Democratic and Populist parties combined, from 15,000 to 3,000.

Mr. Haywood is described as a man who has all the requirements for a membership of the senate, being a man of high intellect and of splendid character. He has not been an active politician, never having been a candidate for an office but once, and his choice as senator was the result of a compromise to settle the deadlock.

The details of the routing of the Filipino rebels from the vicinity of Manila on Tuesday clearly show that the trouble was due to the rankest sort of treachery on the side of Aguinaldo's men, who violated a truce. Twice they showed the white flag, the first time retiring when an American officer and two men advanced to meet it. Results show that it was only a plan to lure Americans within firing distance, for, later, when the white flag was again shown, and an American general with two officers went forward the insurgent party fired upon them. The Filipinos received the lesson they deserved. Experience is a good teacher, and in a little while, with a little more such experience, Aguinaldo's bushwhackers will learn something of the principles of civilized warfare, and better appreciate the significance of a flag of truce and how to respect it.

The Atlantic coast and New England states are suffering from the effects of a terrible blizzard which came suddenly and unexpectedly for it was unheralded by the signal service. The cold wave covers all the eastern coast states, and grows colder as it goes northward, where severe weather prevails along the New England coast. The storm is a notable one because of its suddenness and its broad sweep. It adds another chapter to the very remarkable storm period which began early in February, and marks the season as extraordinary for the freaks of the winds and snows, and the fact that scarcely any portion of the country has been unaffected.

The scandal of the situation in the Pennsylvania legislature is increased by the discovery of the investigation of two cases of attempted bribery in connection with the notorious jury bill, now pending, and the fate of which involves the case of Quay. It turns out that a former member acted as the bribe agent, and he boldly admits that when he was in the legislature he "never refused anything for his influence." Whatever may be the outcome of the senatorial contest, whether it is Quay or some one else, some Pennsylvania politicians will be left in a very unenviable position.

The seemingly miraculous escape of the crews and passengers of several vessels during the storm on the Atlantic coast on Tuesday, and the appearance of the steamer Jamestown at her pier with a fire aboard in time to land in safety the 122 persons aboard, show what the possibilities might have been. It was fortunate that these lives were saved, and that in the record of the storm the worst features that sometimes accompany disturbances along the coast were not chronicled.

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### STATE PRESS GLEANINGS.

Will the executive committee of the two parties not get together and see what can be done towards ridding ourselves of the money nuisance in politics. Don't be deceived into the belief that it is a necessary evil. It's an unnecessary, unmitigated and criminal offense against law and the instinct for justice which some men abuse, but all men inherit.—Huntington Herald.

The Shepherdstown Independent tells of two singular incidents that happened during the blizzarding weather of last week. While coming to town one man had one of his eyes frozen shut and another unfortunate citizen while asleep had his mouth frozen shut. These are the best so far.

The peach bud killer seems to be around in different sections. He must have budded early indeed, to be so advanced in fruiting the second week in February. Guess there will be peaches and honey, both in plenty, provided there is not a later visit from ordinary Mr. Jack Frost.—Martinsburg Independent.

J. Morgan Orr, says the Preston County Journal, reports last Thursday as being a record-breaker with the Baltimore Ohio, 923 cars of freight going east. Orr is in the coal business near Tunnelton.

It is reported that the contract has been let for the grading of the Cheat River railroad, and the grading has begun near Lock No. 3, at the mouth of Cheat. The road will be connected with the Parkersburg, Virginia & Charleston at Brownsville, and be extended up the river to Rowlesburg. A large force of surveyors are at work making the location of the grade. The work will be pushed on the grading, and before many months the road will be open for business. The contractors are from Parkersburg.—Preston County Journal.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch accuses Wheeling of being a naughty, wicked town. What has Pittsburgh done that the Dispatch is calling attention away from it?—Tygart's Valley News.

About fifteen persons and as many dogs were all last week engaged in a wolf chase on the waters of Black Fork and Holly. Often they were close onto the animal, but he managed to make good his escape each time. At last reports he was considerably fagged and surely almost starved, as during the ten days he had passed in the plant was all he had eaten.—Webster Echo.

One day last week a man named Brooks, on Grassy creek, about five miles north of Addison, says the Webster Echo, went out to chop down a tree for firewood. He selected a large tree, and fell it. It struck the ground and broke into several pieces, being hollow, and imagine Mr. Brooks' surprise to see a large bear crawl from one of the pieces and make off. Several men were soon in pursuit of Bruin, but he made his escape with only a few slight wounds. When last heard of the animal was near Centalla, on Elk river, going at a lively gallop.

We do not think we ever knew a town of its size that was blessed with a larger number of bright, intelligent, handsome, good young ladies than this town can show. In fact we have so many of them that they can almost constitute the rule rather than the exception. While we would not deprecate our young men, and we have some very fine ones, we have not any where near as many of them as we have of the choicest of the gentler sex.—Keyser Mountain Echo.

### A Kipling Poem.

Several years ago Fred D. Underwood, now general manager of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, named two stations in the upper peninsula of Michigan, "Rudyard" and "Kipling," one being in an agricultural country and the other in an iron ore district. Some time later a mutual friend informed Kipling of Mr. Underwood's action, and the celebrated author sent Mr. Underwood his photograph with the following lines on the back:

"RUDYARD" AND "KIPLING."  
"Wise is the child who knows his sire,"  
The ancient proverb ran.  
But wiser far the man who knows  
Himself, when he is offering groans,  
For who the mischief would suppose  
I've sons in Michigan.

Yet am I saved from mid-night ills,  
That warp the soul of man  
They do not make me walk the floor  
Nor hammer at the doctor's door,  
They save me from the iron ore,  
My sons in Michigan.

Oh, 'Tourist in the Pullman Car  
(Use Cook's or Raymond's plan),  
Forgive a parent's partial view;  
But, maybe, you have children too—  
So let me introduce to you  
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### Avoid Him.

There stalks a pestilence abroad,  
I dodge with nimble pace;  
Whenever it hails me from afar  
I vanish into space.

'Tis not a fever; nay, nor cold,  
Whose presence I refuse;  
'Tis just a man I know of old,  
Who always has the blues.

If I could cheer him on his way,  
Or ease his heavy load,  
I would not fly him, I would stay  
And help him down the road.

But no, he revels in his gloom—  
He woos his dismal fate;  
If woes are small he makes them loom—  
He gloats when they are great.

He counts it wicked 'e'er to jest,  
'Tis sinful to amuse;  
And so I shun him like a pest—  
The man who has the blues.

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### PROSPECTIVE DEFICIT

In the State Treasury—Poor Pleas of the Democrats.

Parkersburg State Journal: On the sixth page of this issue we publish an interesting interview with State Treasurer Kendall, which will give considerable information to the thoughtful reader. Mr. Kendall believes that a deficit stares us in the face, because of the large appropriations passed by the recent legislature on the one hand, and because no revenue producing measures were passed, on the other. At present the treasury is in ship-shape condition. It was never in better condition. But the present big available surplus, together with the estimated receipts for the next two years, will fall considerably short of the sum just appropriated, he believes.

It has occurred to the state treasurer that it is just as well to let the people of the state know the condition of affairs which is causing him some worry, so that if his fears are realized the people will not be taken by surprise.

It is not uninteresting to note in this connection that the Wheeling Register has already begun to defend and excuse the Democratic party from any responsibility for this future deficit. With the wisdom of a Don Quixote, the political writer of the Register says:

"The responsibility for this lies at the door of the Republicans of the legislature, as we shall demonstrate."

Then he demonstrates, and his demonstration is fearfully and wonderfully made. He attributes the big appropriations to the election of Senator Scott. The election of Mr. Scott took time and therefore the economical Democrats did not have time to cut down the appropriations. This, with a few equally brilliant paragraphs extolling the Democrats of the legislature for their futile attempts to cut down appropriations, constitutes said demonstration. The Register man seems sadly forgetful of the real facts when he has to resort to such reasoning, but the people will not be fooled, for they will remember only too well that the Democratic house could have cut the appropriations to almost any reasonable sum if they had so desired. It's just as well to give both sides.

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